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"Izzy" Newman.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Ralph Emerson "Izzy" Newman.

Whereas, Ralph Emerson "Izzy" Newman is truly a patriotic American;

Whereas, Izzy, the son of Ralph Everett Newman and Sarah Newman, served our country in uniform for 26 years in three wars and in three different branches of the armed services;

Whereas, Izzy was raised in a patriotic household;

Whereas, For half a century Izzy's mother, Sarah, never missed a Memorial Day service; and, when World War I began, she started clipping news stories about Decatur County veterans;

Whereas, Izzy first tried to join the Navy in 1943 when he was only 16 years old;

Whereas, The enlistment paperwork was done, but the recruits were unable to take the physical that day and were asked to return the next day; when Izzy's mother found out about the enlistment, she alerted the recruiting station;

Whereas, Izzy was told that he should come back the next year to enlist, and he did;

Whereas, After World War II, Izzy was discharged from the Navy, returned home, and enlisted in the Navy Reserves;



Whereas, A former Marine persuaded Izzy to secure a discharge from the Navy Reserves and enlist in the Marine Reserves;

Whereas, Shortly after doing so, Izzy was called up for duty in the Korean War and earned his sergeant stripes while serving in Korea;

Whereas, At the end of the Korean War, Izzy once again returned home and worked at the post office for a few years;

Whereas, It wasn't long before Izzy again began thinking about joining the military;

Whereas, He wanted to rejoin the Marine Corps, but that branch of the service refused to accept him because he had a child, so he joined the Army and spent the years until retirement in the Army;

Whereas, During his military career, Izzy received numerous medals, including two Bronze Stars for action in Vietnam; Meritorious Service; Good Conduct with seven knots; American Defense; American Campaign; Asiatic Pacific Campaign; World War II Victory; Army Occupation (Germany); National Defense Service with Oak Leaf Cluster; Korean Service; Armed Forces Expeditionary; Vietnam Service with 3 Battle Stars; Korean Defense Service; United Nations Korean Service; United Nations with 4 Battle Stars; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm; Republic of Korea War Service; Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster; Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation; Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation; Republic of Vietnam Campaign, and Valorous Unit Award (Army);

Whereas, Izzy finally retired from the Army at Fort Knox on Oct. 1, 1973, because "the military was changing and it seemed like a good idea"; and

Whereas, Ralph Emerson Newman bravely risked life and limb in three wars to ensure the sustainment of life, liberty, and happiness for all Americans, as well as countless citizens of countries around the world: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Ralph
- 2 Emerson "Izzy" Newman for his devout patriotism and dedication to his
- 3 country and the 26 years of service he so willing gave to defend our
- 4 freedom. We wish him happiness and contentment in his retirement.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Ralph Emerson
- 7 "Izzy" Emerson and his family.

